

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are presently active in this case, Claim 3 having been amended by way of the present Amendment.

Claims 1-25 were indicated as being allowed. The Office Action indicated that prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*. The amendments set forth herein are merely to correct the minor informalities discussed in the Office Action.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to for minor informalities. Submitted concurrently herewith is a Replacement Sheet which includes changes to Figure 5a to address the objection thereof by including reference numbers "202" as described in the written description. Additionally, the specification has been amended to include a description of the feature noted as reference numeral "121" in Figure 4. Accordingly, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The disclosure was objected to for minor informalities. Accordingly, the specification has been amended as suggested in the Office Action. The Applicants therefore request the withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure.

Claim 3 was also objected to for a minor informality. Accordingly, Claim 3 has been amended as suggested in the Office Action. The Applicants therefore request the withdrawal of the objection to Claim 3.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 5a. This sheet, which includes Figs. 5a and 5b, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 5a and 5b.

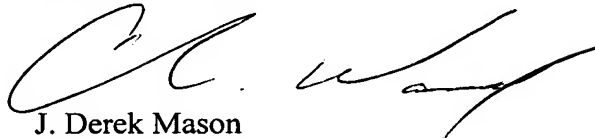
Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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